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14 June 1955

1. Approval of Minutes
7 June 1955 Meeting
(IAC-M-199)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 253

Noted.

3. Proposed DCID 3/6:
Establishment of a Guided
Missile Intelligence Committee
(IAC-D-81/9, 31 May 1955)

a. The Chairman stressed the importance to the security of the US of doing everything possible to improve intelligence on guided missiles. He stated that he would not wish to take the responsibility for not going forward with some community approach which was responsive to the need. He further stated that he realized that the suggested draft was not the only way to get at the problem and that he was more anxious to press for the principle of inter-agency cooperation in this field than for the details of the present proposal.

b. The Service members generally took exception in principle to the proposed draft as an invasion of the weapons field now allocated to the services under DCID 3/4. Moreover, they tended to view the key gap in the field of guided missiles intelligence as collection. This has been given a high priority by the services and it is not clear how the establishment of another committee would improve current efforts.

c. The Air Force member referred to the Air Force program to attack the problem more broadly and indicated that while collection was an important aspect of the problem, there also were possibilities in the field of research and analysis. He suggested that an alternative to setting up a new committee would be to broaden the charter of the Scientific Estimates Committee.

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d. The State member stated that he would support the proposal but indicated that his department had a less direct interest in this subject than did the other members. The AEC member was in favor of the proposal. His agency has been pleased with the JAEIC approach to an important problem and he felt that the establishment of a GMIC might help AEC augment its contribution in this field. He believed that the biggest gain would be in the development of new techniques and methods for exploiting intelligence in this field. The FBI member had no objection to any proposal designed to improve the end-product but indicated his agency would not be competent to sit on the committee if formed.

e. The Chairman and General Cabell reiterated that the proposal was in no way designed to supersede individual efforts but to give them added impetus. Mr. Kent pointed out that under the present setup it is not clear who takes the action called for in agreed post-mortem findings in this field. The pulling together of all individual efforts is thus left largely undone.

f. Action: The IAC deferred action on the draft directive pending the receipt in two weeks of a report prepared by the SEC in coordination with EIC. The SEC report is to include a proposal of how the objectives of the draft DCID could be met by SEC, the changes in SEC's charter which an assumption of this responsibility would entail, and an evaluation of current Air Force efforts in the field of guided missile intelligence.

4. The North African and Arab-Israeli Situations

a. The Chairman circulated for information memoranda prepared by the Board of National Estimates for him on North Africa and on the Arab-Israeli situation.

b. The Chairman remarked that while the North African situation was critical, the existing National Estimate on North Africa took account of current developments, and a new NIE was therefore not urgently required.

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c. Tension between Egypt and Israel in the Gaza strip was discussed, and it was the consensus of the Committee that although Egypt would suffer severe military reverses if Israel should attack, such an attack was unlikely and the situation will be eased at least until after forthcoming national elections in Israel.

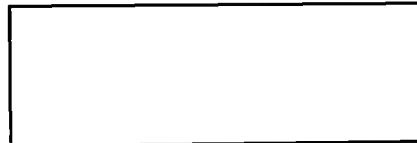
5. The Implications of
Nuclear Plenty for
the Communist Bloc
and the Free World
(NIE 100-5-55)

Approved as amended.

6. Temporary AEC Representation

Mr. Reichardt announced that Mr. Traynor had been assigned to the delegation of the Geneva Conference and that he would be representing the AEC at the IAC during Mr. Traynor's absence.

Adjournment: 1325

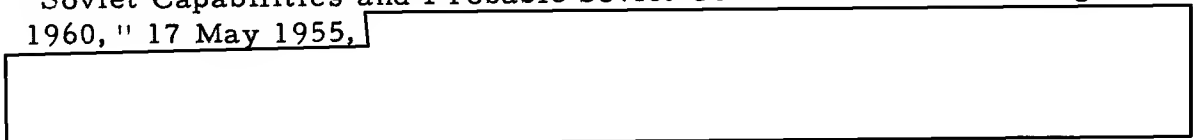


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Secretary's Note

1. At its 8 June meeting the State-Defense Military Intelligence Control Committee approved the release of NIE 11-3-55 "Soviet Capabilities and Probable Soviet Courses of Action through 1960," 17 May 1955,



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2. On 3 June, the Director, National Security Agency, accepted the invitation of the IAC to participate in the work of the ad hoc Committee on Information Processing [REDACTED]

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3. On 31 May, as a preliminary to IAC action, the Secretary requested the views of the Watch Committee on a SHAPE request for intelligence on indications of Soviet military aggression. (IAC-D-6/11)

4. On 16 June, the Secretary requested the views of the Watch Committee on a proposal of the Director, National Security Agency, transmitted by the Executive Secretary, USCIB, providing for the flow of NSA material to the Indications Center.

5. The Board of National Estimates has recommended that NIE 100-5-55 "The Implications of Nuclear Plenty for the Communist Bloc and the Free World," 14 June, not be released to any foreign government. (ONE memorandum dated 14 June 1955.) Unless objection is raised by a member at the 21 June meeting, the Secretary will release NIE 100-5-55 to USIA.

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